

EFFECTIVE

October 1, 2017.

Subject(s)

1. Annual Federal cost of living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP).
2. Child Development and Care (CDC) Income Eligibility Scale.

1) RFT 250, 255, 260**Annual Federal cost of living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP)**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living updates for the FAP standards. The update will appear in Bridges budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2017.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined that the monthly maximum FAP issuances is decreased and the minimum issuance amount for one and two-person categorically eligible households is decreased from \$16 to \$15. The maximum shelter deduction has increased from \$517 to \$535. Additionally, FNS has determined the heat and utility standard used in the calculating FAP benefits has increased from \$526 to \$537. The telephone and garbage standards have decreased and the remaining standards have a minimal increase. The FAP standard deduction for all group sizes has increased.

Reason: Annual standards update.

2) RFT 270**Child Development and Care (CDC) Income Eligibility Scale**

The Child Development and Care (CDC) Income Eligibility Scale has been updated to align program entry with income at 130 percent of federal poverty level (FPL). The amount associated with program exit has been updated to reflect the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data at 85 percent of state median income (SMI). The terms entry and exit have been added to the chart for clarification.

Reason: Reason: Legislative action, reauthorization requirement, and clarification.

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